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Bill Jordan

Bill Jordan graduated from the University of Sydney and commenced work with the NSW Department of Main Roads in 1969. His early experience included responsibility for the maintenance of many timber bridges which started his interest in engineering heritage. An extended trip to Europe in 1977 developed this interest.

In 1981 Bill joined the consulting firm Hughes Trueman Ludlow to open a Hunter Valley office. In 1992 he started his own practice and has consulted on heritage-oriented work for a wide range of clients. His particular expertise is in the restoration and strengthening of masonry.

The Newcastle earthquake of 1989 saw a big increase in work on heritage buildings. This new experience culminated in collaboration with Harry Trueman and John Ludlow in the writing of a John Monash medal-winning paper presented at the 1990 Perth Engineering Heritage Conference. Bill has continued his interest in earthquake engineering, including work with the Australian Earthquake Engineering Society.

Bill's involvement with the National Board of Engineering Heritage Australia (EHA), then the National Committee for Engineering Heritage (NCEH) began in 1990. He became the Newcastle representative from 1991 until taking over as NCEH chair in 1997/98 and remains a valued member.

Bill has been President of Newcastle Division of Engineers Australia in 2004, long-term editor of the EHA Newsletter and chair of the EHA Heritage Recognition Committee from 2001 to 2006 and again in 2010.

As a member of the EHA Newcastle Committee, he has led the group of engineers who maintain and operate the 1885 Craven Brothers rope-driven gantry crane and who initiated the Newcastle engineering heritage walk. With fellow engineer Peter Cockbain, Bill has remained a champion of the engineering heritage values of the Craven Crane. They successfully nominated the Honeysuckle Point Railway Workshops, including the crane, for an Engineering Heritage Marker in October 1996. After lobbying successfully for a full restoration of the crane during the Workshops' refurbishment, Bill has continued to ensure that this crane, probably the only working, rope-driven crane in the world, will be pride-of-place as the Honeysuckle Boilershop becomes part of the new Newcastle Museum.

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